

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the third full paragraph on page 21 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Powder is fed into the die cavities 132 in the fill zone 102. The powder may preferably consist of a medicant optionally containing various excipients, such as binders, disintegrants, lubricants, fillers and the like, as is conventional, or other particulate material of a medicinal or non-medicinal nature, such as inactive placebo blends for tableting, confectionery blends, and the like. One particularly preferred formulation comprises medicant, powdered wax (such as shellac wax, microcrystalline wax, polyethylene glycol, and the like), and optionally disintegrants and lubricants and is described in more detail in commonly assigned co-pending United States Patent Application Serial No. ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~09/966,493 filed 9/28/01, entitled "Immediate Release Tablet," ~~(attorney docket number MCP 274)~~ which is hereby incorporated by reference.--